

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-18, 20, 21, 23 and 24 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claim 12 was rejected. With this Amendment, claim 12 was amended. Applicants maintain that no new matter has been added with this amendment.

**35 U.S.C. § 112(2) Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims**

The rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention has been obviated by appropriate amendment.

In view of the remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is in condition for allowance. Early notification to such effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any remaining issue, Applicants kindly request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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